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COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Information on Phase 1B Groups Eligible beginning March 1

FOND DU LAC, WI – On March 1, 2021 additional groups (listed below in priority order) became eligible for COVID-19 vaccination across the state. While these groups are now eligible for vaccine, due to the limited supply of vaccine doses, individuals age 65+, educators, and child care workers will be prioritized for the vaccine. Educators and child care providers should anticipate receiving vaccine in March and early April, and the remaining groups can anticipate to be vaccinated in April and May. The newly eligible groups, in priority order, include:

- Educators and child care (Priority Group)
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Congregate living facility staff and residents

To view additional details about each group, visit WI DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Educator and Child Care Priority Focus

Starting March 1, Fond du Lac County Health Department will be focusing vaccination efforts on next eligible groups in priority order, starting with Educators and Child Care. The health department has been in contact with organizations and schools who are eligible within this group. If you are employed by an entity within this group, please look to your employer to share vaccination information when available. If your organization has not been reached out to by the health department, please contact us at 920-929-3085 Ext 4.

Remaining Eligible Phase 1B Groups

For the other newly eligible groups, the health department is collecting preliminary information through an [interest form](#) from Fond du Lac County organizations that employ staff who fit into these groups and individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs. If you believe your organization has employees who fall into these groups, please designate one person from your agency to fill out the form. When it is time for your group to be vaccinated, the health department will contact you or your organization with next steps to register for public health vaccination clinics. The interest form does not guarantee a vaccine appointment. **Phase 1b interest form link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MZSPYJZphaseb1interest>

Fond du Lac County Health Department and community partners are committed to vaccinating all current and future eligible groups as safely and efficiently as possible. However, it will take time to vaccinate all of the eligible groups to date as the vaccine supply remains limited.

Individuals are encouraged to take any and all opportunities to get vaccinated as they become available. Find options of where to get vaccinated at [WI DHS's Map of COVID-19 Vaccine Providers](#).

COVID-19 Resources

The public is encouraged to stay up to date on vaccine information by visiting the [Fond du Lac County COVID-19 Vaccine](#) and [WI Department of Health Services \(DHS\)](#) websites. Fond du Lac County organizations or individuals who have question about eligibility can email the health department at health@fdlco.wi.gov.

Helpful Links:

- [FCHD COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)

Continue Everyday Precautions

It is important that everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, continue taking everyday precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes wearing a mask when out in public, practicing physical distancing, washing hands frequently, and staying home when sick.

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